

Great Expectations

Newsletter of New Hope Lutheran Church Columbia, MD

October 2015

BUILDING UP, NOT TEARING DOWN

*“Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding”
Romans 14:19*

*“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.”
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

*“Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor”
Romans 15:2*

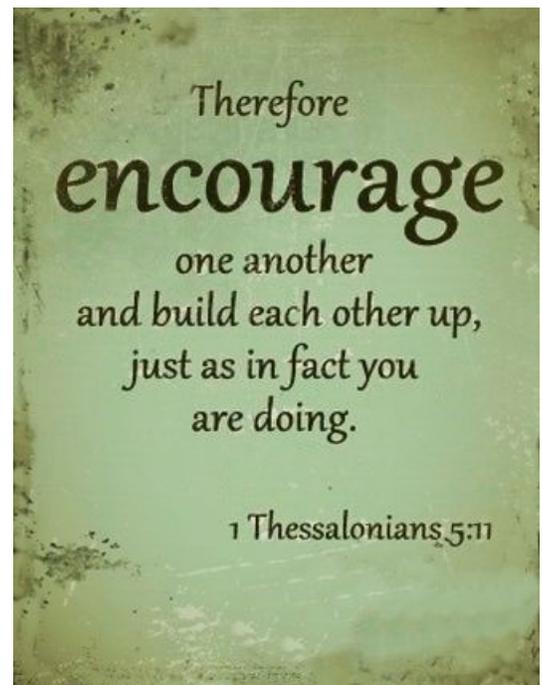
A key concept for us as Christians is ‘building up’, not tearing down. That simple phrase explains how we are to live with one another within the church and with our neighbors outside of our faith. ‘Building up’ behaviors would include ‘putting the best construction on our neighbors’ actions’, living in such a way as to encourage the neighbor, actually helping the neighbor to realize his or her potential, and tending or caring for the neighbor. Neighbors are near and far, those like us, those who differ from us, those we like, and those we don’t particularly like. Our building up behaviors are non-discriminatory and are to take in all our neighbors. Tall order, but clear nonetheless.

Lately I have been struck by public discourse that does the exact opposite of what these Scripture verses direct us to do. In fact, we hear much more frequently the art of ‘tearing down’, of expecting the worst from the neighbor and almost a disregarding of our neighbor’s humanity. What is most distressing is that this seems to have become acceptable behavior for us. And the collateral damage is increased mean-spiritedness, greater divisiveness between people and the harming of people’s spirits.

Pope Francis calls us to a year of mercy. As we have received mercy from God in Christ, we give mercy. Mercy not only provides a balm to a hurting world, it builds up the ties between us. You and I are called and equipped to be people of mercy, people of kindness and gentleness, to bear fruits of the Spirit for the sake of community. Now more than ever the world needs our witness to a God who saves, who creates and sustains life, who through love lifts up those who are bowed or torn down.

New Hope:
stand for mercy, speak to build up, work for peace.

To God be the glory...
-- Pastor Ginny



SONG OF THE MONTH

“I’m Going on a Journey”

This song is a great one to sing anytime you’re starting something new! Starting off on a journey is like lots of other beginnings – full of hope, but not exactly sure where the way will lead. As the words to the song say, there are some things you can count on, no matter what you’re doing or where you’re going:

God loves you!

Wherever you go, God’s been there and promises to be with you and “carry you through”.

Other people will be going the same way and can support you.

“I’m Going on a Journey” is found in the *Holy Baptism* section of the ELW (#446), because baptism can mark the beginning of a journey through life as a Christian. That’s why the first verse says “My head is wet” and “Christ’s mark is on me.” But it’s not meant to be sung only at baptisms – it reminds us that we’re always on some sort of journey. As you think about where you’ve been in your life and where you might be going next, remember this song and think about when and how God and other people are part of the journey, too.

This song is fun to sing, because it can be sung by a leader and echoed by the rest of the singers. The music was written by Dr. Eddie Bonnemere, who performed in churches in Harlem while he was growing up. He became a music teacher, then had a career playing jazz and Latin music. Then he became active in writing music for the Roman Catholic church in the 1970’s and worked in the jazz music ministry at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in New York City for 30 years. The words were written by Kenneth Larkin, a Lutheran pastor from the Midwest who led music festivals at churches, camps, and university settings featuring Eddie Bonnemere and the music they wrote together.

You can listen to this song online by copying this address into your browser:

<http://store.augsburgfortress.org/media/downloads/0800675525.mp3>

Growing



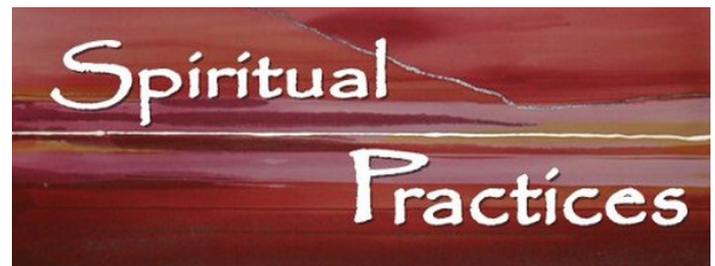
Faith Together

ALL ARE INVITED TO GIFT

Growing In Faith Together (GIFT), New Hope’s monthly intergenerational faith formation event, will begin the 2015-2016 year on **Friday, October 9, at 6 pm**. All year long we’ll explore *Spiritual Practices*. In October we start off the year with an overview of spiritual practices and the many different kinds of spiritual practices there are.

The evening begins at 6 pm with dinner (no need to bring anything, we’ll have all the food prepared for you) and we continue the evening with all different types of hands-on learning opportunities. Everyone is invited: singles, families of all shapes and sizes, grandparents, youth, young adults, visitors, retirees — everyone.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help with the monthly events, please contact one of the core team members: Stefanie Alt, Lois Bailey, Erin Myers, Cindy Patterson, Cindy Ranker, Laura Rose, or Pastor Ginny.





Dear Members of New Hope Lutheran Church,

It's been almost two years since the congregation voted to call Cindy Ranker as a rostered Diaconal Minister at New Hope. At that time the decision was made to call Cindy for a 2 year term. You'll recall we were also calling a new Pastor and wanted to make sure that we had not only continuity as Pastor Ginny arrived at New Hope but also give Pastor Ginny and Cindy the opportunity to work together before extending a non-term call for the Diaconal Minister position.

Diaconal Ministers attend seminary and earn a Master's Degree with a specific focus. Cindy's emphases during her studies were Church and technology. Cindy was consecrated in February 2008 and in addition to her call here at New Hope has had calls at both Trinity Lutheran in Reisterstown and St. James Lutheran in Rockdale. Cindy is a trained ELCA Mission Director and serves on the board of the Lutheran Home and Hospital Foundation.

Since her call in January 2014, Cindy has proven herself to be a valuable rostered leader at New Hope. Originally she was hired to oversee our Family Ministries, but since then her responsibilities have greatly expanded. Cindy is still directly leading Family Ministries, but she also offers pastoral care to those in need, preaches the sermons on a monthly basis, is deeply involved in the Confirmation program and conducts monthly middle school youth events.

Knowing that Cindy's initial call was ending, the Church Council needed to make a decision about Cindy's position. It is with great pleasure that I can inform you that the Church Council voted unanimously to extend Cindy's call as our Diaconal Minister. However, in order to officially continue Cindy's call, the congregation also needs to vote. We will have a vote on extending Cindy's call immediately following the 10:00 service on Sunday, November 15. At that time we will ask Cindy to step out and Linda Chinnia, Assistant to the Bishop from the Synod, will lead us through the process of finalizing the call.

As we approach the call meeting, please prayerfully consider joining us and voting to extend Cindy Ranker's call as New Hope's Diaconal Minister.

Yours in Christ,

Perry Anderson
President, Congregational Council

SOCIAL MEDIA SUNDAY

A few years ago I was in worship at a synod assembly when the pastor in front of me took out her smart phone. I was appalled until I realized she wasn't using it to call someone or to check out her text messages. Instead, she was letting people know where she was and how meaningful it was for her.



Just as Martin Luther used the printing press to proclaim the gospel, today we use Social Media to do the same. On Sunday, October 25, 2015, Christians across the country are encouraged to take to social media using the hashtag #SMS15 to proclaim the gospel by Tweeting, posting on Facebook, or however the Spirit moves you. That Sunday, here at New Hope, we will be celebrating Reformation and Confirmation.

Would you like to know more about how to do those things? Now might be the time to learn! We'll have people available in the Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings to help you walk through setting up and using Social Media. Check the Ministry Connections for more information!

 **Facebook** is the world's largest online social networking website. You can use it to share photos, videos, links and your own writing. Friends can comment on what you have posted.

 **LinkedIn** is for professional networking

 **Twitter** allows users to send 140-character posts, called "tweets". They are often funny (or controversial).

 **Google Plus** is the second-largest global social networking site behind Facebook.

 **YouTube** allows users to upload and share video clips.

 **Blogs** allow writers to share thoughts on a particular subject while interacting with followers via comments.

 **Flickr** is a photo management and sharing gallery

 **RSS (Rich Site Summary) Feed** is a family of web feed formats used to publish frequently updated works.

 **Pinterest** is like an online bulletin board where you can collect photos and links that you love, and share them.

 **Instagram** is as easy as taking a picture or video, choosing a filter to transform its look and feel and then sharing the picture via Facebook, Twitter and more.

 **Vine** is a mobile service that lets you capture and share short, looping videos.

 **Vimeo** is another video sharing website that allows people to publish their own videos for public consumption.

 **Share This** is an innovative sharing platform allowing users to share great web and social content.

This information is adapted from an article in the ClearEdge Marketing blog. Here is the link:
<http://www.clearedgemarketing.com/2013/07/16-social-media-icons-that-you-must-should-and-might-know/>



It is really hard to ask for help. We all consider ourselves capable and independent. It is an admission of weakness to say that I can't do it all by myself. I struggle with this all the time. As a mother and wife I was the person who was there to help. Now I have to ask others to help me. Since my multiple sclerosis diagnosis 14 years ago I have had to rethink things. Up until 2009 life was pretty doable. Since then I have had to come to grips with a lot of limitations. The latest hard thing was having to send out an email to the Bible study group asking for someone to come and help me get from the house and into the car. I really fought having to do that. But it was only a matter of minutes until I got an answer and an offer to help.

All this is to tell you that it was hard to ask for help for an obvious physical need. It is so much harder to ask for help for an emotional situation. We think that "I can handle it myself" or "my problem isn't as bad as all that". I'm sure you can handle it yourself but it is so much easier if your burden is shared. Stephen ministers don't solve the problems but we listen and journey with you while you deal with them.

It is hard to ask for help, but if you do ask, we will answer. Contact Sue Pumpkin, Sue Biermann, Cindy Ranker or Pastor Ginny if a Stephen minister can be a help for you.

-- Sue Biermann

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Sundays, October 4, and 11

12:45 - 2:15p

If interested (visitors or current members) contact Witness@NewHopeLutheran.org

or Pastor Ginny

(Ginny@NewHopeLutheran.org) or call the church office (410-381-4673)

Lunch and Childcare provided.

NEW TO NEW HOPE CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

Are you interested in learning more about the group of Christians at New Hope? Would you like to explore some basics of a Lutheran understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus? Do you want to meet some new people who may be struggling with some of the same questions that you do and who are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus?

If so, then join us for New to New Hope. We'll have an opportunity to break bread together, to open the Scriptures and listen to God's Word, and to talk together about matters of faith and life. Nursery will be provided.

Any questions? Contact Pastor Ginny (Ginny@NewHopeLutheran.org). Hope to see you there.



**Make a difference,
one-on-one -
become a
Stephen Minister!**

- ❖ Be part of New Hope's commitment to care for those in our congregation and community
- ❖ Training begins in September

God's Work Our Hands

Friday, September 11 to Sunday, September 13



"Those soup jars ARE THE BOMB!"
--Gary Ditman



Assembling spice bags and labels for bean soup jars



Church cleanup — inside and outside



Food Drive





Making blankets and quilts for Lutheran World Relief



Making Plarn



Movie Night



Baking bread

Other activities included:

- Assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief
- Holding up positive message signs and waving
- Intro to Little Free Library; handing out books
- Learn to knit or crochet prayer shawls
- Make plarn mats
- Make dog toys for dogs in shelters



YOUTH OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



Save the Date

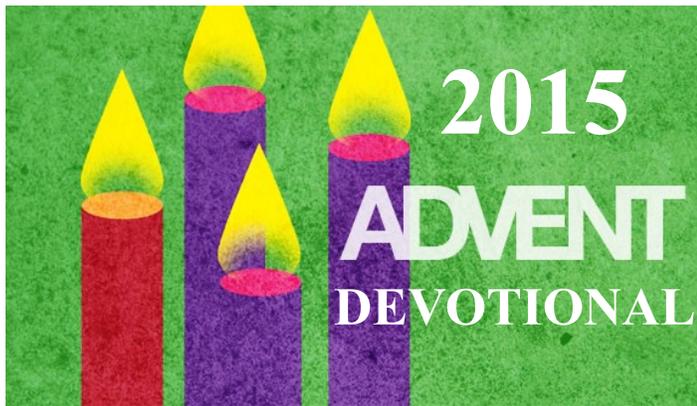
November 1 -

New Hope is providing the food for The Humble Walk (Lutheran Campus Ministry at University of Maryland). High School juniors and seniors are invited to attend too! We'll need food and servers. Watch for more information soon!

SERVING AT SARAH'S HOUSE

We have a new opportunity for serving our community: Providing breakfast on the 2nd Sunday morning of the even months at Sarah's House. Sarah's House is a supportive housing program, offering emergency and transitional housing for homeless families in Anne Arundel County. It is located in Fort Meade, about 20 minutes east on Route 32 from New Hope. This opportunity is especially exciting for Middle and High School youth, as well as families with older elementary-school children, because there are no explicit age requirements for volunteers! The space is physically small, so only a limited number of volunteers can attend in person each month, but we will need many hands to help provide and prepare the food that we will serve with God's love. Our service will entail providing hot prepared breakfast foods for up to 50 guests, setting up (and decorating, as we so desire...) the small dining room, serving the food, and assisting the guests as necessary (e.g., helping parents of small children with plates and drinks). Service teams will depart by 9:15 a.m., and return by approximately 11:30 a.m. on our Sarah's House Sundays.

Our first session at Sarah's House will be **Sunday, October 11, 2015**. We plan to commission a team of 4-6 High School youth with two adults at the 8:30 worship, and send them out to let their service begin. In subsequent months we plan to open this service opportunity to Middle School youth, Confirmation, and Sunday School. Please pray for us as we begin this new endeavor, and sign up to help by providing food and supplies here: <http://bit.ly/1NBjDHL>



ADVENT ALREADY?!

As I write this article, I just heard on the TV that it's less than 100 days until Christmas, and that means Advent is even closer!

In the past, the New Hope community has written and produced an Advent devotional booklet.

We plan to do the same this year.

Are you interested in writing a short devotional?

Please contact Diaconal Minister Cindy Ranker (Cindy@NewHopeLutheran.org) to volunteer.

The booklet will be available the last week of November.

**Help the
Youth Group
by using...**



Do you shop at Amazon? You can shop there and benefit the youth group. Sign up for Amazon Smile at smile.amazon.com, choose New Hope Lutheran Church, Columbia, MD as your charity, and shop!

A portion of the sales will come back to us. Two important things to know:

- 1) there are a lot of New Hope Lutheran Churches, so be sure to keep scrolling until you reach New Hope, Columbia, MD and
- 2) New Hope benefits from this only if you start your Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com.

For your convenience, a link to Amazon Smile is on the Home page of New Hope's Website (www.newhopelutheran.org) under Quick Links in the middle column.

Thank you for supporting the youth!



Interested in having your baby **baptized**?
Is your child asking questions about **communion**?

Contact:
Pastor Ginny or
Cindy Ranker



baptism

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

October 10

Send all articles and pictures to
Carol Henderson
(newsletter editor)
caroluna@comcast.net.

BIRTHDAYS

1 Lauren Moyer	10 Pam Burcham	23 Steve Hansen
2 Linda Yergey	Laurel Holland	Jane Ketchum
Rod Turnbough	Margaret Bevans	Gail Smith
Amanda Rindler	Brian McFee	Robert Paul
3 Gary Mechtel	Konrad Petre	24 Ezra Williams
Phillip Ranker	11 Paul Scholz	25 Jeff Bernet
4 Lori Best	Gary Burke	William Jordan
Charles Frekot	12 Katherine Hofmann	26 Benjamin Burns
Betsy Frekot	13 Kara O'Ryan	27 Chris Phillips
5 Sue Biermann	Ian Wilson	Mary Meyer-Rizzo
6 Kate Patchan	Andrew Baglione	Kandace Kroll
Warner Good	14 Premsagar Gazula	28 Jackson Bailey
7 Louise Lee	15 Sherry Phillips	30 Cyndy Anderson
David Piel	Matthew Fleming	Katie Heady
Julie Riddler	16 Eric Butler	Mason Arndt
Yiteng Wang	18 Evan Sage	31 Julian Beckmann
8 10/08 Jim Rossi	20 Kathy Piet	
9 Samantha Prettyman	22 Jennifer Harrison	
Jada Garrett		
Kenneth Johnson		
Keith Stacy		
Noah Schwab		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1 TJ & Laurie McFee (83)
3 Premsagar & Deepa Gazula (91)
7 Charles & Linda McCabe (95)
8 Paul & Ann Scholz (94)
9 Stephanie & Matt Caporaletti (05)
11 Jeff & Susan Jordan (80)
12 Mark & Diane Lamothe (85)
13 Bob & Jane Ketchum (90)
14 Matt & Christina Fleming (00)
17 Tom & Diane Batchik (87)
19 Kevin & Sondra Ailinger (91)
20 David & Barbara Furst (84)
21 George & Donna Groves (66)
24 Miriam & Ralston Deffenbaugh (76)
27 Mike Berkey & Carrie Oberholtzer (12)
28 Earl & Annetta Jones (64)
29 Lance & Carol Ernst (88)

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

2 Nicolas Mazzei-William	10 Melissa Mack	31 Madison Berning
5 Skylar King	Heather Ailinger	<i>Additional Baptisms</i>
Megan Hessler	14 Erik Mechtel	Carolyn Cradler
Brodie Taylor	19 Carrie Oberholtzer	Liz Bowman
6 Lauren Berning	24 Christine Potenzzone	Emily Phillips
7 Natalie Ranker	25 Keri Schlueter	Elena DiBattista
8 Maggie Alt	30 Sue Biermann	Sara Clementson
9 Cindy Ranker		Jared Ballard
		Erica Nickolaus

go to www.NewHopeLutheran.org to view the most current calendar.

OCTOBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:30/10/11:30 Worship Holy Communion and Nursery available at during worship				1 1p Fellowship Bible Study 6p Venture Crew 373 6:30p Handbells 7p Moving On 7:30p Choir	2	3 9:30p Real Faith For Real Life 6:30p AA
4 Consecration Sunday 10a Sunday School 11:30a Real Faith For Real Life 6p HS Youth Group 6:30p GS 1009	5 9:30a Real Faith For Real Life 5:30p GS 1214 7p All Ministry Team Night 7p Single Again	6 10a Staff Mtg Hommerbocker Reception 7:30p Joyful Noise	7 10a Bible Study & Lunch 11:30a Finance Team 5:30p Confirmation 7p B Scout Tr 373 7p Pack Comm 7p B Scout Tr 373 7p Real Faith For Real Life 7:30p Real Faith For Real Life	8 1p Fellowship Bible Study 6p Venture Crew 373 6:30p Den 4 6:30p Handbells 7p Den 5 7p Moving On 7:30p Choir	9 6p Growing in Faith Together	10 9:30p Real Faith For Real Life 6:30p AA
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18 10a Sunday School 11:30a Real Faith For Real Life FreeRide returns 6p HS Youth Group 6:30p GS 1009	19 9:30a Real Faith For Real Life 5:30p GS 1214 7p Single Again	20 10a Staff Mtg 12:30p Racial Justice Mtg 7:30p Joyful Noise	21 10a Bible Study 5:30p Confirmation 7p B Scout Tr 373 7p Real Faith For Real Life 7:30p Real Faith For Real Life 7:30p Stephen Ministry	22 1p Fellowship Bible Study 6p Venture Crew 373 6:30p Den 4 6:30p Handbells 7p Den 5 7p Moving On 7:30p Choir	23 6:30p Pack 373	24 9:30p Real Faith For Real Life 9:30a Breakfast for Rt1 10a Jazz Jam 6:30p AA
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at the corner of
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Sunday Worship:
8:30 & 10:00 & 11:30 am
Holy Communion Served at all services

Pastor: The Rev. Ginny Price

Family Ministry Coordinator: Cindy Ranker
Diaconal Minister

Associates in Ministry
Music: Sue Pumpkin & Sharon Punte

Parish Administrator: Sharon Punte

Great Expectations Newsletter Editors:
Carol Henderson & Sharon Punte

Up Coming Events

Consecration Sunday

October 4

All Ministry Team Night

Monday, October 5 @ 7pm

See inside for additional News!

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